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Mu Gia Pass Choke Point

Route 12, Laos

1965

Reporting period: 28 Feb. - 21 April - 53 days

Route capability = 600 STPD during dry season.

53 days 600 STPD

31,800 ST - maximum tonnage capability for 53-day reporting period.

Photos reveal Mu Gia Pass Choke was closed by air strikes and seeding for minimum of 28 days, creating a loss in through-put tonnage of 16,200 tons. This figure does not include delays or cratering as a result of seeding operations since there were days when photo reconnaissance missions were not flown or poor quality photography precluded interpretation. It is safe to assume that some capability was denied the Communists as a result of seeding.

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31,800 ST - 16,800 "

15,600 ST possible thru-put, or

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STPD = Short tons per day.

Route Closed 51% of time during period.

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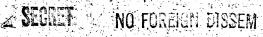
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Date of Mission	Mission	Description of Damage	Indication of Movement	Remarks
28 Feb. 1965	BRYT 2373 (strike) (Seed)	Light crater action	None	Traffic blocked
1 March	YT 3211 (Recon)	Additional craters	None	Traffic blocked
2-3 March	None		Presume still damaged but being repaired.	Traffic blocked
4 March	Моще		Presume damage repaired and is trafficable.	Trafficable
5 March	YT 2342	Light cratering	None, but route appears passable, crater damage minor.	Trafficable
6 March 7 March	None		Assumed trafficable	Trafficable
8 Karch	YT 2347	Crater damage (minor)	Used since 5 March	No difficulty in bypass. Little repair necessary.
9 March	Stan ♥	No new damage, minor cratering from 8 March repaired.	Trafficable	Trafficable
10 March	None			Trafficable

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ll March	BRIT 1471 strike and seed	Two new craters, and road seeded	Photography reveals vehicular traffic since 8 March recon.	Traffic blocked by new craters.
12 March	Ron 10	Road still cut by slide from 11 March strike.	None	Traffic blocked
13 March	None	Assume road still cut by slide but in process of repair.		Traffic blocked
14-15 March	None	Repairs could have been completed on slide, if delay bombs did no further damage.	Assume route trafficable	Route trafficable.
16 March	YT 1473	Photos reveal no new damage, previous damage repaired.	Photos reveal vehicle traffic.	Route trafficable
17-18 March	None	Assume no new damage from previous seeding operations.	None	Route trafficable
19 March	SUYT ISIO BRYT 1511 Strike and seed	New cratering, earth i slide across road.	Vehicle tracks indicate route used prior to this strike.	Route now blocked
20-22 March	None	Route still blocked by slides and craters but in process of repair.		Route still blocked



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23 Narch	Buster 8	Poor quality of photo- graphy precludes interpre- tation.		Assume route trafficable Route blocked
24 March	BRYT 2333 strike and seed	Heavily cratered with heavy earth slide.	No vehicle tracks since 19 March. Footpath indicates possible portage operation.	Route blocked
25-26 March	None	Assume route still blocked, but repairs in progress.		Route blocked
27 March	None	Assume damage repaired		Route trafficable
28 March	BRYT 1532 strike and seed	No new damage as result of operation.	Photos reveal traffic over route since 24 March recon. Hany signs of hand reconstruction along original alinement	Trafficable
29-30 March				Trafficable
31 March	Stan 6	No new damage		Trafficable
1 April	BRYT 2333 strike and see		Work and new vehicle tracks appear on north side of slides with work progressing south.	Route blocked
2 April	None	Assume still repairing road.		Route blocked

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Date of Mission	Mission	Description of Damage	Indication of Movement	
3-4 April		Assume repairs completed.	THE STATE OF PROVENENCE	
5 April	BRYT 1484 strike and seed	New landslides, craters, and heavy boulders present obstacles.	No vehicle tracks.	Route trafficable Route blocked
6 April	None	Assume route still blocked but being repaired.		Route blocked
7 April	BR 1536 strike and sec	Road still blocked.		Route blocked
8-9 April	None	Assume route still in precess of being repaired.		Route blocked
10 April	YT 3755	Previous damage almost recaired, no sign of vohicle use, repairs continue.		Possibly open to vehicle traffic on night of 10 April
11 April	None	Repairs probably completed.		
12 April	YT 3752	No new damage.	Repaired and traffic- able.	Route trafficable Route trafficable
13 April	SLTT 2500	No new damage.		Route trafficable
14 April	Alan V	Poor quality photography precludes interpretation.		Route trafficable based on no new damage as of
15 April	NONE			13 April.
C April	NONE			Same as above
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17, 18, 19, 20, 21 April		Route possibly closed, roadwatch team near choke point reports no traffic.	
2l April . SLYF 2333	Since 13 April, additional cratering evident but craters and slides bypassed		Route appears trafficable but photos reveal no signs of vehicle movement through choke area.
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